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Nevada—NV.  
New Hampshire—NH.  
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North Carolina—NC.  
North Dakota—ND.  
Ohio—OH.  
Oklahoma—OK.  
Oregon—OR.  
Pennsylvania—PA.  
Puerto Rico—PR.  
Rhode Island—RI.  
South Carolina—SC.  
South Dakota—SD.  
Tennessee—TN.  
Texas—TX.  
Utah—UT.  
Vermont—VT.  
Virginia—VA.  
Virgin Islands—VI.  
Washington—WN.  
West Virginia—WV.  
Wisconsin—WS.  
Wyoming—WY.

(b) The Coast Guard is the issuing authority and reporting authority in:

STATE

Alaska—AK.

(c) The abbreviations following the names of the State listed in paragraphs (a) and (b) are the two capital letters that must be used in the number format to denote the State of principal use as prescribed in §174.23 of this chapter.

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**Subpart A—General**

**§174.1 Applicability.**

This part establishes a standard numbering system for vessels and a uniform vessel casualty reporting system for vessels by prescribing requirements applicable to the States for the approval of State numbering systems.

**§174.3 Definitions.**

As used in this part:

*Operator* means the person who is in control or in charge of a vessel while it is in use.

*Owner* means a person who claims lawful possession of a vessel by virtue of legal title or equitable interest therein which entitles him to such possession.

*Reporting authority* means a State where a numbering system has been approved by the Coast Guard or the Coast Guard where a numbering system has not been approved. Reporting authorities are listed in Appendix A of Part 173 of this chapter.

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**§174.5 Requirements for approval.**

The Commandant approves a State numbering system if he finds, after examination of the information submitted by a State, that the State numbering system and vessel casualty reporting system meet the requirements